

May 23, 2017

National Freedom of Information Officer U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T) Washington, DC 20460

Re: FOIA Request for documents pertaining to chemical leaks and/or spills in the Gowanus

Canal, Brooklyn, New York, during October 1974, and materials regarding Diamond

Print Works, Inc.

To whom it may concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552 ("FOIA"), I am requesting copies of documents pertaining to the following:

- 1. Any reports or other documentation regarding chemical/oil leaks, spills, etc. in the Gowanus Canal in Brooklyn, New York, during October 1974; and
- 2. Any documentation regarding disposal activities or pollution reports on Diamond Print Works, Inc., Prints-Almo, Inc., and/or R.C. Textile Printing Corp., all at 610 Smith Street in Brooklyn, New York.

Regarding the latter request, I understand that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Northeast Regional Office, Water Quality Office collected and delivered information on Diamond Print Works, Inc., ca. 1970 and forwarded it to the U.S. Attorney and/or U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This potential exchange of information is referenced in the published proceedings of the U.S. Senate Subcommittee of Air and Water Pollution, *Water Pollution Control Programs*, 92nd Cong., 1st sess., February 4, 6, and 9, 1971, serial No. 92-H1, pages 83-86 (see attached). In addition, businesses that later operated at the same address and could actually be renamed iterations of Diamond Print Works, Inc., include Prints-Almo, Inc., and R.C. Textile Printing Corp.

**Please note**: I have reviewed all previously released records pertaining to the Gowanus Canal on the FOIAonline portal, and have concluded that none of the records available there address the specific concerns outlined above, i.e., named businesses, exact location, and October 1974 time period.

I would prefer to accept the requested records via the most expeditious means—be that paper or electronic copy. History Associates agrees to pay all reasonable and standard processing fees authorized by 5 U.S.C. \$552(a)(4)(A) and the applicable regulations up to \$250. Should the fees exceed this amount, please contact me with an estimate of the total costs and the volume of responsive material in order that specific expenditures beyond \$250 can be authorized.

If all or any part of this request is denied, I request a written statement regarding the reason(s) for the denial. If you determine that some portions of the requested records are exempt from disclosure, I would appreciate receiving all non-exempt portions that can be disclosed.

I look forward to receiving the requested materials. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 297-9697 or via e-mail at ntaylor@historyassociates.com.

Sincerely,

Nik Taylor Historian

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169 oil spiil cassa. 25 re 23 USC 407 Refuse Act. 134 re 22 USC 441.

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(Note—441 is need in New York area but if the spill occurred in any other part of the USA the full 169 would be \$3 USC 407 cases.)

List of cases to follow.

### Listing of all spills reported to the Carps of Engineers by the Coast Guard From 1 January 1970 to 58 October 1970

### (Prepared by New England Basins Office, Meedham, Mass.)

Rhode Island	14
Massachusetts	21 25
New Hampshire	1
Naine	<b>27</b>